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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michio MIURA et al.

Art Unit: 3729

Application No.: 10/806,148

Examiner: A. Tugbang

Filed: March 23, 2004

Attorney Dkt. No.: 025720-00025

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE DEVICE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 20, 2006

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, the period for response having been extended to November 20, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1, 2, 8, 18 and 19 of Species A, directed to an activation process on one joining surface of either the piezoelectric substrate or the supporting substrate. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 8 are generic to all species. Accordingly, Applicants, upon the allowance of either of generic Claims 1 and 8, retain the right to request rejoinder of the claims directed to the non-elected species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 025720-00025. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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